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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was overall steady at best. Retail demand was limited to instances moderate, best where scattered features were present. Food service covered the full range with strongest interest going into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was typically light to fair for midweek. Breast items and wings were at least adequate or readily available. Dark meat was usually sufficient with leg quarters receiving increased interest due to export business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 62.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.00 cents last year on February 6, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.50
WINGS	73.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to fair and often not as active for first of the month as expected. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were irregular, but available, and dark meat and wings were fully adequate to amply with limited movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as light to no better than fair and typical of midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current needs. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate, although, leg quarters had seen some renewed export interest. Wings were readily available.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer market tone remained mostly steady. Producer offerings of whole birds and Wogs were fully available with buyer interest turning more cautious. The call for product into retail businesses was in a full range, mostly fair, best for features and into delicatessens. Food service movement remained irregular, slow to good with fast food demand fairly good; casual dining and restaurants demand acceptable for this time of year. Most establishments were attempting to keep floor stocks in close balance and acquiring for immediate needs only to insure that end. Weights were in desirable range. Trading on parts was generally light for the adequate offerings. The market tone on wings was weak, cautiously steady to instances weak other breast items and steady on dark meat.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady overall. Offerings were in fairly good balance on small sized product and heavier weights, although in closer balance, were adequate for current needs. Buying interest was fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best to cover feature activities in progress. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on white meat items and generally steady on balance of parts.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 02/01/03	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	203,980	208,754	-02
CHICKS PLACED	166,256	164,318	+01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 1, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 1, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 1, 2003 were 823 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.70 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEBRUARY 05, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	915	126.00-236.00	126-132	140.33
TENDERLOINS	133	120.00-172.00	122-127	132.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	82.00-90.00	84-87	86.77
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	22.00-33.00	-	23.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	632	15.00-18.50	16-17	16.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,036	17.00-26.00	19-20	19.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	70.00-77.00	70-72	73.42
WINGS (CUT)	475	84.00-92.00	84-86	86.65
DRUMSTICKS	68	33.00-46.00	-	34.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	930	125.00-236.00	130-138	136.86
TENDERLOINS	161	120.00-172.00	120-125	133.39
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	82.00-91.00	84-87	85.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	113	18.00-33.00	20-22	21.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	632	15.50-18.50	16-17	17.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	906	18.50-26.00	19-20	19.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	102	67.00-74.00	68-70	71.37
WINGS (CUT)	460	84.00-92.00	84-86	86.07
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	60	50.00-59.00	-	53.00

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.25 - 46.70	45.37	42.75 - 47.75	46.72	45.63

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was light and selective, and noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate, although, leg quarters had seen some renewed export interest. Wings were readily available. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, cautiously steady on breast items and about steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **FEBRUARY 04, 2003**

**FEBRUARY 05, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	146.17	586,830
TENDERLOINS	110-115	117.80	163,870
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	86.87	206,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	85.41	141,840
LEGS	31-32	29.18	141,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.85	657,946
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	25.30	169,660
THIGHS	21-22	32.13	53,670
B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.27	116,130
WINGS (WHOLE)	73-74	67.05	238,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	22,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.52	12,470
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.40	32,200

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	144.02	501,600
TENDERLOINS	110-115	119.07	74,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	86.22	153,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	86.04	86,800
LEGS	31-32	29.55	140,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	23.08	466,614
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	27.14	104,480
THIGHS	21-22	33.38	30,040
B/S THIGHS	62-63	68.67	47,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	74.46	100,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	37,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.68	16,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	49.47	18,280

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	02/05	02/04	02/03	01/31	02/03	01/31	01/29	01/27
ALA	3,539	4,016	3,963	3,626	5.15	4.85	3,742	5.08
ARK	4,682	5,063	5,061	4,239	4.93	4.69	4,521	5.02
DELMARVA	2,310	2,354	2,259	2,412	5.23	5.22	2,242	5.20
KY-LA-TN	1,536	1,852	1,881	1,763	4.96	4.97	1,609	5.05
MISS	2,573	2,838	2,889	2,417	5.52	5.30	2,855	5.43
NC	2,392	2,619	2,593	2,659	6.18	5.94	2,364	6.18
TEXAS	2,345	2,462	2,316	2,383	5.01	4.79	2,398	4.86
TOTAL	19,377	21,204	20,962	19,115	5.25	5.05	19,731	5.24
MON-WED	61,896 (A)						60,888 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Feb 03 and is estimated to be 28,990,000 down 2.09 percent from a week ago and down 2.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,608,000; last year 29,689,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	66
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	95-99
	DRY PACK	102-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/08/03 (1)	02/01/03
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	153,527 (2)	151,807
LT HENS	1,841	1,724
HVY HENS	1,425	1,480
TOTAL	156,793	155,011

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Feb-03 is 153.8 million head compared to 157.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.8 million head or 0.0 million less than estimated available. For week of 15-Feb-03 the estimated available is 153.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/03/03	155,703	76,443
AM 01/01/03	131,968	79,054
CHG	23,735	-2,611
PCT CHG	18	-3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	2/03/03	1/27/03	2/04/02	2/03/03	1/27/03	2/04/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	7,464	7,717	5,279	6,225	5,424	3,469
LOS						
ANGELES	1,375	1,381	137	3,918	4,001	2,152

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 03, 2002

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 2/04/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	1.30	.69
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.75	1.60	1.14
GEESE lb.	-	.35	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.60	-
DUCKS lb.	.85	1.65	1.28
RABBITS lb.	.95	1.80	1.47
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	2.00	2.25	-

TOTAL COOPS 91

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 31, 2003

Whole	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	Legs Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards
Hens					
RAYON					
Low	56.20	124.88	74.93	12.49	16.65
45.79 High	60.78	133.21	83.26	16.65	
20.81 45.79	Mostly	58.69	133.21	83.26	
16.65 16.65	45.79				
SAN JUAN					
Low	57.86	116.56	79.09	20.81	14.57
52.03 High	60.78	133.21	87.42	31.22	
18.73 52.03	Mostly	59.11	124.88	83.26	
24.98 16.65	52.03				
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	56.20	124.88	74.93	12.49	12.49
45.79 High	60.36	133.21	83.26	20.81	
16.65 45.79	Mostly	58.28	133.21	74.93	
16.65 16.65	45.79				
BECERRA					
Low	57.45	120.72	83.26	20.81	14.57
54.12 High	60.78	133.21	87.42	31.22	
20.81 54.12	Mostly	57.86	129.05	85.34	
27.06 16.65	54.12				

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts was light and unaggressive, typical for mid-week, but disappointing for the first part of the month. Seller offerings on whole birds continued to vary by size, and were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy.

Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate for immediate needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49-68
NO. OF BOXES	57.84
	7,202

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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